PTO/S8/05 (12/97
Approved for use through 09/30/00. OMB 0651-003:

Total Pages:

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

Tomohiro OKUMURA et al.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Express Mail Label No.:

Attorney Docket No.

00177/530809

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:

1. [X] Fee Transmittal Form (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

[Total Pages -81] 2. [X] Specification

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention - Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- **Background of the Invention**
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- **Detailed Description**
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. [X] Drawing(s) *(35 USC 113)*

[Total sheets -18] [Total Pages - 5]

4. [X] Oath or Declaration

- a.1. [] Newly executed (original or copy)
- a.2. [X] Unexecuted
- b. [] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

[Note Box 5 below]

i. [] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. [] Incorporation By Reference

(usable if Box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

[]Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

Box Patent Application

Washington, D.C. 20231

- a. [] Computer Readable Copy
- Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- Statement verifying identity of above copies c. []

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 9. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement [] Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
- 10. English Translation Document (if applicable) 11
- 11. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Il Copies of IDS Citations
- [X] Preliminary Amendment
- 13. [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
 - (Should be specifically itemized)
- 14. Small Entity Statement(s)
 - Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired
- [X] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
- 16. [] Other

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

[] Continuation

[] Divisional

[] Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No.

18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK 2033 "K" Street, N.W. Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20006 Phone: (202) 721-8200

February 23, 2000

Fax: (202) 721-8250

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tomohiro OKUMURA et al.

Serial No. NEW

Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

Filed February 23, 2000

Docket No. 00177/530809

PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS



PATENT OFFICE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$1,788.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Tomohiro OKUMURA et al.

Charles R. Watts

Registration No. 33,142

Attorney for Applicants

CRW/asd WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P. 2033 K St., N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20006 Telephone (202) 721-8200 February 23, 2000

[Check No. 368 7]